IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

PLAINTIFF, :

CASE No. 2:21-MJ-666

vs. :

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

PAUL C. WELCH : CHELSE

CHELSEY M. VASCURA

DEFENDANT. :

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME DURING WHICH INDICTMENT/INFORMATION MUST BE FILED

Now come the parties, through their undersigned attorneys, and jointly move this Court for an order extending the time for the scheduled preliminary hearing and return of an Indictment or Information pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b) from November 10, 2021, to December 10, 2021. The defendant, PAUL C. WELCH, is aware of his right to a preliminary hearing and the timely filing of an Indictment or Information, afforded under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), and hereby waives those rights for the purposes of this motion. The parties believe this continuance would best serve the interests of justice and that the time would be excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

The United States is in the process of providing pre-indictment discovery to defense counsel to examine and review with the defendant. However, because of the nature of the pre-indictment discovery, the travel and trial schedules of counsel, and the continued logistical difficulties in dealing with restrictions related to the COVID-19 virus, review of evidence and

discussions about a possible case resolution have been difficult. Thus, even with continued due diligence, counsel will have been unable to explore all relevant issues and guideline implications necessary to meaningfully discuss a possible resolution to this case prior to the time within which the preliminary hearing or and Indictment or Information must be filed on November 10, 2021. The parties are in agreement that a continuance of the preliminary hearing and time for indictment would best serve the interests of justice and the time would be excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

For these reasons, the parties request an extension of the time until December 10, 2021, within which a preliminary hearing will occur or Indictment or Information may be filed in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

Upon this joint motion of the parties, and for the reasons set forth in the parties' joint motion, the Court hereby finds that there is good cause shown to grant an extension of time in which a preliminary hearing will occur or to return an Indictment or file an Information, that the extension would best serve the interests of justice and that the time would be excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Accordingly, the Court hereby GRANTS an extension of these dates until December 10, 2021, where a preliminary hearing will occur or an Indictment or Information will be filed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b).

Date	
	United States Magistrate Judge